

**Town of Harpswell  
Budget Advisory Committee  
Minutes of October 24, 2012 Meeting**

Members present: Chairman Linda Hall, Ellen Lebauer, Burr Taylor, Rick Daniel, Roberta Weil

Others present: Kristi Eiane, Town Administrator; Terri Sawyer, Deputy Town Administrator; Marguerite Kelly, Treasurer & Special Advisor to the Committee

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hall at 3:30 p.m. The agenda, after amendment to exclude Bailey Island Library Hall, Pejepscot Historical Society and Harpswell Community Broadcasting Corporation, was adopted by unanimous vote.

Cultural

Representatives of the following organizations/activities requested 2013 funding:

Harpswell Festival	Len Freeman	\$1,000
5 Rivers Arts Alliance	Hati Modr	\$500
Harpswell Historical Society	David Hackett	\$3,000
Orr's Island Library	John Webster	\$13,800
Cundy's Harbor Library	Sam Swartz	\$13,800
Memorial Day Observance	Kristi Eiane	\$1,600

The Harpswell Festival has 3,000 to 5,000 visitors. The Festival organizes food and entertainment and provides a venue for other non-profits and small businesses. There is uncertainty as to whether sufficient volunteers will be available to staff the 2013 event. The festival ran a deficit this past year.

5 Rivers Arts Alliance promotes the activities of the arts economy in Harpswell, Brunswick and the towns of Sagadahoc County.

Harpswell Historical Society owns 4 historical buildings in Harpswell and operates the Old Town Meeting House. Mr. Taylor is on the Board of Directors and serves as the Treasurer.

Orr's Island Library operations generally are funded equally by the Town contribution, the annual book sale and their annual appeal. Annual operating expenses are approximately \$37,000. Significant contributions have been made by the Town and others to support the construction of the building addition.

Approximately 73% of Cundy's Harbor Library operating expenses are funded by the Town contribution, the remainder by private donations and the book sale.

The requested appropriation for the Town's Memorial Day celebration covers the cost of flags and grave markers, as well as the services of a bagpiper.

Harbormaster & Town Dock

Jim Hays, Harbormaster, requested a 2013 appropriation of \$42,216, a minor increase from 2012.

Mr. Hays also requested a 2013 appropriation of \$13,550 for the Town Dock. This budget funds the repair, maintenance, set-up, transport and storage for the floats and dock at Pott's Point. In 2012, funds were appropriated for an additional float and for 2013, \$7,000 is requested for a new aluminum ramp. The staff will provide the Committee with further details of this budget line at the next meeting.

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Town Landings, General Assistance and approval of the minutes were tabled until a later meeting

Ms. Lebauer left the meeting at 5:40. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Submitted by Marguerite Kelly.

Approved by the Committee October 30, 2010.